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1. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM REFS HQS HAS VOTED "NO" EMPHATICALLY ON LNHARP ASSOCIATION WITH SCHEME PROPOSED BY ☐ ☐ PLEASE ASSURE ☐ ☐ THAT ☐ ☐ PASSED PROPOSAL TO HQS IN AS FAVORABLE LIGHT AS POSSIBLE AND RECOMMENDED WOFIRM COOPERATION. HOWEVER YOU MUST THEN GIVE HIM FOLLOWING

☐ ☐ ANSWER TO HIS PROPOSAL:

A. WOFIRM WASHINGTON BELIEVES POLITICAL RISKS INVOLVED IN FELFE PLAN ARE MATERIALLY INCREASED IF FELFE RESIDES IN WOLADY EVEN TEMPORARILY AND IF WOLADY PUBLISHER PUTS OUT BOOK. WHILE WE WOULD HOPE TO KEEP RESIDENCE SECRET DANGER OF LEAK IS CONSIDERABLE IN VIEW OF AVID NEWS GATHERING IN WOLADY. PUBLISHER OF COURSE WOULD BECOME KNOWN. WOFIRM BELIEVES POLITICAL COUNTERATTACK AGAINST WOFIRM-CATUSK "COLD WARMONGERING" WOULD BE VICIOUS AND DAMAGING UNLESS PERSUASIVE DENIALS IN WOLADY POSSIBLE. CONSEQUENTLY WOFIRM RELUCTANTLY

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2E  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
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MUST REFUSE ASSOCIATE ITSELF IN THE WAYS REQUESTED WITH  
GAMMA  
CATUSK SCHEME. PLAN

B. WE ARE OF COURSE WILLING AND ABLE HERE IN FIELD  
TO CONSULT WITH [ ] ON THIS PROJECT IF HE PROPOSES CARRY  
IT OUT BUT UNFORTUNATELY CANNOT ASSIST BEYOND GIVING TECHNICAL  
ADVICE. WOFIRM USEFULLY APPRECIATES BEING CUT IN ON  
IF

C. IN CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT BE BETTER REQUEST FELFE  
SUBMIT FULL INTERROGATION NOW (IN WHICH OF COURSE WOFIRM WOULD  
BE ABLE COOPERATE) AND IF HE COOPERATIVE HE COULD SIMPLY BE

RELEASED BY <sup>GERMAN Govt</sup> MHBRUSH WITHOUT PROMISE TO DELIVER HIM TO SOVIETS  
AND THEREFORE WITHOUT "TRICKING" THEM OR EAST GERMANS. <sup>EOS</sup> <sup>GERMAN Govt</sup> MHBRUSH

COULD THEN TAKE STAND ON PRINCIPLE IT COULD NOT FORCE FELFE GO

BACK TO USSR AND OTHERWISE FOLLOW THROUGH ON PLAN WITH GERMAN  
PLACE INCOGNITO RESIDENCE AND EUROPEAN PUBLISHER. <sup>GERMAN Govt</sup> MHBRUSH

COULD THEN ADVISE SOVIETS AND ALL WHO ARE PRESSING FOR FELFE'S

RELEASE THAT THEY HAD FULFILLED THEIR PART OF BARGAIN AND

COULD NOT FORCE FELFE RETURN AGAINST HIS WILL. PERHAPS IF

FELFE KEPT QUIET FOR TIME SOME PRESSURE COULD BE EXERTED

FOR SOVIETS AND EAST GERMANS RELEASE THEIR PRISONERS AND LET

THEM DECIDE WHERE TO GO. IN PROPAGANDA DUEL THIS WOULD BE